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In re application of:

MARC RICHELSON

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For: SPINAL IMPLANT FIXATION ASSEMBLY

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sirs:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 24, 1999,
Paper No. 4. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1, line 1, before "insert" please insert --cylindrical--.

Claim 1, line 4, please delete "in" after "therefrom" and insert
therefor --and--.

2. (Amended) A body member of a spinal fixation assembly

comprising:

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